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The Flash

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*You write me poems
With a word or look
On small white leaves called days;
For beauty is a flash,
Like summer-lightning on a mountain side
Among the trunks of aged trees,
And whoso sees is changed for evermore.
Perhaps you do not know
I gather up your careless sheets
And keep them
For the time when I shall see the fire-flash alone.*

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TOO GOOD TO MISS

Can you imagine anything more delightful than a week-end at Del Monte in the height of Spring? We shall have that happy experience when we go to the joint meeting of the Northern and Southern sections, April 11.

A Friday night train will bring us to Del Monte early in the morning, ready for the rich and interesting program planned by the Northern section. Those who can stay over Monday will have the best part of the C.L.A. meeting also.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE DEL MONTE MEETING, APRIL 10-12

Friday evening

Joint directors' meeting
 Joint meeting of professional committees to draw up recommendations at Mr. Kersey's request

Saturday morning

Registration
 Business meeting

Saturday afternoon

Program with speakers

Saturday evening

Dinner with "Culture program"

The C.L.A. plans to leave Sunday open for recreation, but there will be an "author's dinner" Sunday evening for the entire group. This will be the big social event of the meeting.

It seems doubtful if any of our members will be able to stay for this, but it will depend on the schedule of trains.

Christmas Meeting

The breakfast of the California School Library Association, Southern Section, at the Town House on Thursday morning, December 18, proved a most happy affair. A delightful atmosphere of informality prevailed. Everyone seemed to be in holiday mood. Gay decorations of holly and poinsettias lent the "Christmassy" touch.

After a few well-chosen words of welcome, Miss Marjorie Van Deusen, the president of the Association, introduced Hughes Mearns, who, in relating his most distressing experience, demonstrated that he certainly was not lacking in the "creative spirit." Miss Van Deusen then turned the meeting over to Miss Laura Grover Smith, "our official toastmistress," who in her own happy way presented the guests of honor. Mrs. Hamlin Garland, sister of Lorado Taft, but perhaps even better known to librarians as "the daughter of the middle border" and Lady Adams, who has already made a place for herself among us, responded graciously.

The next speaker to be introduced was Lorado Taft, celebrated American sculptor and lover of all things beautiful. He spoke of the pleasure he was experiencing in re-discovering California and in seeing again old friends and students. Horace Liveright, distinguished publisher and playwright, delighted us with his intimate and amusing glimpses of three unusual personalities: Shaw, Moore, and Dreiser.

Another guest, whom we always delight to honor, Sir John Adams, added his contribution of wit and wisdom to the feast. The last speaker to be presented, Mr. Maurice Robinson, editor of *The Scholastic*, capped Mr. Mearns' story by telling one of his own less successful adventures in creative effort.

The afternoon session was held at the Belmont High School, with Miss Marjorie Van Deusen, the president, presiding. A brief business meeting preceded the program. Announcement was made of the joint meeting of the Northern and Southern Sections of the California School Library Association to be held in conjunction with the conference of the California Library Association at Del Monte, April 11-15, 1931. The matter of the significance of the N.E.A. Conference was brought up and a motion made that the president appoint a committee of five to arrange for cooperation between the C.S.L.A. and the N.E.A.

The president then introduced Mr. Alfred Benshimol, principal of the Belmont High School, who charmed us all with his talk on "The American Language." He made what might have been a most prosaic subject altogether fascinating. In pleasant contrast we next listened to Miss Abbie Doughty's account of her rather unusual trip through Europe in a rented motor car. Miss

Annette Glick of the Visual Education Division of the Los Angeles City Schools, who had prepared an attractive exhibit of visual material for school libraries, gave some very helpful and much-appreciated advice on how and where to secure such supplies.

The meeting then divided into groups for the discussion of special problems.

Chairmen of Group Meetings

Elementary: Miss Elizabeth Williams

Junior and Senior High Schools: Miss Gladys English

Junior College: Miss Fay Tunison

JUNIOR COLLEGE ROUND TABLE

The Junior College Section was presided over by Miss Fay Tunison of the Long Beach Junior College. Miss Tunison introduced Miss Winifred Skinner, who gave a most interesting account of the meeting of the American Association of Junior Colleges at Berkeley, November 17-20. At one session of the conference Miss Skinner read a paper on the Junior College Library and presented the standards for a junior college library as adopted at the A.L.A. round table last June. Miss Skinner reported a very sympathetic attitude on the part of junior college administrators. The recommendation of the standards committee was adopted, with minor reservations. This action on the part of the conference at Berkeley was most encouraging. Miss Skinner deserves a great deal of credit for her able presentation of the matter.

Following Miss Skinner's report there was some discussion of the keeping of library records. This matter will be taken up more fully at a later meeting.

—Lillian Dickson

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROUND TABLE

Miss Van Deusen introduced the chairman, Miss Gladys English, of the Los Angeles Public Library.

The first speaker, Miss Mabel Hermans, of the Psychology Department of the Los Angeles City School system was presented by Miss English and spoke most interestingly on "The New Point of View in the Course of Study." The four outcomes of education were stressed: skill, habits, understandings, attitudes; and that the purpose of reading is to develop attitudes, to lead the child from where he is to where he ought to be. The ideal of the new Los Angeles course of study was given "no one book read by all pupils at the same time" and "no book reports."

The connection of the course of study with the vital interests of the child and the integration of English with geography, music, etc. was emphasized. Grade lists were deplored.

Librarians are considered "liberated souls" who solve problems for children individually, and their

place in influencing children's reading and developing favorable attitudes was brought before the group. The librarian is "the dispenser of all that is good, lovable."

Mrs. Anne Massey, of Edison Junior High School of Long Beach was the second speaker. "Particular reading desires of the junior high school and how they are met" was the subject. The wide range of interests of the junior high school boy and girl and ways and means of satisfying them was most interestingly discussed. The talk ended with the wish that "the junior high school librarian had a less hectic life that she might discover these interests."

"Reading for senior high schools" was the subject of Miss Lake of Glendale High School. The fact that children have book reports and so much collateral reading that they do not have time for pleasure reading unless they are loafers or bolsheviks was an important item. The question regarding the value of "escalators" was raised and the meeting closed with a short discussion of this and its relation to book selection.

—Florence Maclosky

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY ROUND TABLE

The significance of the elementary school library in modern education and its future formed the basis for discussion at the Elementary School Library Round Table.

Mrs. Vera Walls, of the Los Angeles City School Library, reviewed "The Program for Elementary School Library Service," by Lucile F. Fargo, an important new and much needed tool. The school administrator, superintendent, and principal, who has been pondering how best to organize his available book resources in the light of progressive educational procedures will do well to read Miss Fargo's analysis of the three types of elementary library service. First, the traditional class room collection, next, the reading laboratory, and third, what is termed the Unlimited Service Library. Miss Fargo notes, "the elementary school library of the future will not be a copy of a Children's Room in the Public Library nor a copy of a high school library, but will be integrated into the life of the elementary school curriculum in a far wiser way than at present." Joy Elmer Morgan, Editor of the Journal of the National Education Association, in his article in the bulletin of the Department of Elementary School Principals for July, 1930, says, "The elementary school is the universal school not only in the sense that it reaches all the children but in the additional sense that it is the foundation of all future schooling. What ever enriches the elementary school makes the task of all other schools easier and adds to the certainty and joy of learning."

Interesting descriptions of the Long Beach school library plan by Miss Louise Butler of the Fremont Elementary School, and of the Los Angeles system by Miss Harriet Ford of the Los

Angeles City School Library, stimulated questions and discussion.

Many helpful suggestions on how schools and public libraries can work together to encourage higher standards of recreational reading, were introduced by Mrs. Mercer W. Lucas of the Santa Monica Public Library.

—Elizabeth O. Williams, *Chairman*

MR. BENSIMOL REPORTS MR. LIVERIGHT'S DELIGHTFUL TALK

Mr. Horace Liveright in relating some of his experiences with eminent authors tells the following about Bernard Shaw:

Mr. Liveright had gone to Europe to visit Emil Ludwig. On the way he stopped and made a call upon Bernard Shaw. Mr. Shaw's first question was "What is Ludwig going to write this time, Mr. Liveright?"

"A new biography of Christ," was the reply. "What?" said Shaw. "Another biography of Christ! Hasn't he read my introduction to Androcles and the Lion?"

On one occasion Mr. Liveright had an engagement with Mr. George Moore to take tea with him at 8 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Liveright took with him a young lady friend. He was very anxious to have Mr. Moore talk freely, so he coached his friend to ask certain questions.

On entering the room they found Mr. Moore standing in front of his fireplace pulling at his long mustache, and after the customary greetings and a few ordinary questions, the young lady said,

"Mr. Moore, what do you think of Joseph Conrad?"

"Conrad, Conrad, Conrad?" replied Mr. Moore. "Which Conrad?"

"Why, Joseph Conrad," replied the young woman, "The one who wrote 'The Nigger of the Narcissus'."

"Oh," said Mr. Moore, "you mean the Pole. Well, you see, I do not read Polish, so I don't know anything about it."

The third anecdote is told of some American authors. Mr. Liveright and a group of eminent writers were having a party in Arthur Train's houseboat off Long Island. Among those in the party were Theodore Dreiser, Sherwood Anderson, Heywood Brown, and others.

The hour was getting late and Arthur Train suggested that if the group were going to play tennis in the morning, they would better be retiring. Now it happened that the subject of conversation at this moment was "God and Immortality."

In answer to Mr. Train's suggestion, Theodore Dreiser spoke up and said, "Here we are, six or seven of the best writers in America, nay, even in the world, and you suggest going to bed when such a matter is under discussion! My suggestion is that we sit up until this matter is settled."

The Book Breakfast Club

The Book Breakfast Club is continuing lustily on its way and it is evident from the regularity of those attending that it is filling a real need. RECOMMENDED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

January List

Adams, J. T.			
The Adams family	Little	4.00	
Addams, Jane			
Second twenty years at Hull House	Macmillan	4.00	
Austin, Mary			
Children sing in the far west	Houghton	2.00	
Barrows, E. G.			
Neighbors all	Houghton	2.00	
Bridges, T. C. & Tiltman, H. H.			
More heroes of modern inventions	Little	2.00	
Beard, C.A. and Wm.			
American leviathan	Macmillan	5.00	
Bell, Horace			
On the old west coast	Morrow	5.00	
Branch, E. D.			
Westward	Appleton	5.00	
Brenner, Rica			
Ten modern poets	Harcourt	2.50	
Butt, Archie			
Taft and Roosevelt	Doubleday	7.50	
Byrd, Richard			
Little America	Putnam	5.00	
Davis, W. S.			
Life in Elizabethan days	Harper	3.50	
De la Roche, Mazo			
Portrait of a dog	Little	2.50	
Demaision, Andre			
Beasts called wild	Farrar	3.50	
Diven, R. J.			
Rowdy	Century	1.75	
Dodd, E. H.			
Great dipper to Southern Cross	Dodd	3.50	
Dombrowski			
Abdallah and the donky	Macmillan	2.00	
Duffus, R. L.			
Santa Fé trail	Longmans	5.00	
Gifford, E. W. & Block, G. H.			
California Indian nights entertainments	Clark	6.00	
Hawkes, Clarence			
Jungle Joe	Lothrop	1.50	
Holzworth, J. W.			
Wild Grizzlies of Alaska	Putnam	5.00	
Lee, F. H.			
Folk tales of all nations	Coward	3.00	
Macaulay, Rose			
Staying with relations	Liveright	2.50	
McCracken, H.			
God's frozen children	Doubleday	2.50	
Martin, E. D.			
Meaning of a liberal education	Garden City	1.00	
Neuberger, A.			
Technical arts and sciences of the ancients	Macmillan	10.00	
Saunders, C. T. & O'Sullivan, St. J.			
Capistrano nights	McBride	2.50	
Shaw, F. H.			
Full fathoms five	Macmillan	3.00	
Smith, Mrs. "White Mountain"			
I married a ranger	Stanford	2.50	
Spearman, Frank			
Spanish lover	Scribner	2.50	
Stewart			
Three white cats of Avignon	Doubleday	1.25	

Vaucaire, Michel			
Paul DuChaillu, gorilla hunter	Harper	4.00	
Wadsworth			
Paul Bunyan and his great blue ox	Doubleday	2.00	
White, S. E.			
Dog days	Doubleday	2.50	
Wiggam, Albert			
Marks of an educated man	Bobbs	3.00	

February List

Adams, Katherine	Macmillan	2.00	7-9
Thistle Inn			
Beard, Merriam	Macmillan	5.00	12
Realism in romantic Japan			
Besier, Rudolph			
The Barretts of Wimpole Street	Little	2.00	10-12
Bunker			
China and Japan			
Christman, Enos			
One man's gold	McGraw	3.00	11-12
Daniel, Hawthorne			
Show of the sword	Macmillan	2.50	7-10
Darrow, Floyd L.			
New world of physical discovery	Bobbs	3.50	9-12
Der Ling, Princess			
Lotos petals	Bobbs	3.50	10-12
Digby, Bassett			
Tigers, gold and witch doctors.	Harcourt	3.50	11-12
Dobie, J. F.			
Coronado's Children	Southwest Press	3.00	11-jc
Driscoll, C. B.			
Doubloons, the story of a buried treasure	Farrar	5.00	10-12
Fitzgerald, Pitt L.			
Trail of the ragged fox	McCrae	2.50	Elem
Fowler, H. H.			
Picture book of sculpture			
Garland, Hamlin			
Roadside meetings	Macmillan	3.50	11-12
Gilmor, Frances			
Windsinger	Minton	2.00	11-12
Gray, E. J.			
Meredith's Ann	Doubleday	1.00	elem.
Greenwood, Ernest			
Ambers to amperes	Harper	4.00	9-12
Hamilton, Edith			
The Greek way	Norton	3.00	12-jc.
Holland, Maurice			
Industrial explorers	Harper		8-12
Hough, Walter			
Story of fire			8-12
Hubbard, Ralph			
Queer persons	Doubleday	2.50	7-12
Irving, Washington			
The bold dragon and other ghostly tales	Knopf	3.50	7-12
Iaffe, Bernard	Simon & Schuster		
Crucibles		5.00	11-12
Kent, Rockwell			
N by E	Brewer	3.50	11-12
Lagerlof, Selma			
Ring of the Lowenskolds	Doubleday	3.00	11-12
Lawton, Mary			
Schumann-Heink, the last of the Titans	Macmillan	2.50	9-jc.
Magoffin, R. V. D.			
& Davis, E. C.			
Magic spades	Holt	5.00	9-12
Marie, Grand Duchess of Russia			
Education of a princess	Viking	3.50	10-12

Mitchell, Gen. Wm.				Goldstrom, John			
Skyways	Lippincott	3.00	7-12	Narrative history of avia-			
Muir, Caphne				tion	Macmillan	4.00	9-j.c.
Pied Piper	Holt	2.50	9-10	Happold, F.C. ed.			
Munro, W. B.				Modern historians of the			
Constitution of the U. S.	Macmillan	1.25	8-12	French Revolution	Nelson	1.00	9-12
Noyes, Alfred				Hergesheimer, Jos.			
Forty singing seamen and				Limestone tree	Knopf	2.50	12
other poems	Stokes	3.00	9-12	Hinton, Walter	Willett, Clark,		
Page, Elizabeth				Opportunities in aviation	W.W.Norton	3.00	9-j.c.
Wagon's west	Farrar	5.00	10-12	Hutchinson, Paul			
Pinchot, Gifford				The U. S. of Europe	Colby	2.00	9-12
To the South Seas	Winston	3.50	7-12	Irwin, Wallace			
Quennell, C. H. B.				The short sword	Macmillan	1.75	7-10
Everyday life in Homeric				Jeanneret-Gris, C. E.			
Greece	Putnam	2.50	9-10	Toward a new architecture	Brewer	6.00	7-12
Robinson, E. A.				Kelly, E. M.			
Glory of the Nightingales	Macmillan	2.00	12	(Eleanor Mercein)			
Rosman, A. G.				Nacio, his affairs			
Jock the Scot	Winston	2.50	11-12	Partial repetition of			
Smith, Susan				"Basquerie")	Harper	2.50	10-12
Made in Mexico	Knopf	2.00	5-8	McNeer, May			
Tomlinson, D. W.				Waif maid.	Macmillan	2.50	7-9
The sky's the limit	Macrae	3.50	8-12	Mather, K. F.			
Wister, Owen				Sons of the earth	Norton	3.50	9-12
Roosevelt	Macmillan	4.00	11-j.c.	Maugham, W. S.			
Nates, Robt. L.				Breadwinner.	Heineman	7/6	12
When I was a Harvester	Macmillan	1.75	9-12	Mee, Arthur, ed.			
Young, F. B.				Arthur Mee's golden year.	Hodder	2.25	7-10
Redlakes	Harper	3.00	11-12				

March List

Dictionary of American biography	Scribners	12.50	per v.	Arthur Mee's hero book.	Hodder	2.50	7-10
Abend, H.				Book of everlasting things	Hodder	2.25	7-12
Tortured China	Washburn	3.00	11-12				
Akeley, Delia				1,000 beautiful things.	Hodder	2.25	7-12
Jungle portraits	Macmillan	3.50	11-12	Merz, Chas.			
Allen, A. A.				The dry decade.	Doubleday	3.00	12
Book of birds life	VanNost'nd	3.50	8-12	Mirza, Y. B.			
Andree's story				Myself when young.	Doubleday	2.25	6-12
Pub. for the Swedish Soc.	Viking	5.00	11-12	Mukerji, D. G.			
Beery, Pauline				Rama	Dutton	2.50	8-12
Stuff (for reference)	Appleton	5.00	9-12	Robinson, W. H.			
Brann, Esther				Under turquoise skies.	Macmillan	5.00	8-12
Nanette of the wooden shoes	Macmillan	1.75	4-6	Salomon, J. H.			
Brewerton, G. D.				Book of Indian crafts and			
Overland with Kit Carson	Coward	4.00	11-12	Indian lore.	Harper	3.50	6-9
Buck, F. A.				Segur, Sophie,			
A Yankee trader in the gold				comtesse de			
rush	Houghton	3.50	11-j.c.	Sophie, the story of a bad			
Cades, H. R.				little girl.	Knopf	1.75	4-6
Jobs for girls	Harcourt	2.00	7-12	Siple, Paul			
Campbell				A Boy Scout with Byrd.	Putnam	1.75	8-12
Amateur acting and play pro-				Strong, L. A. G.			
duction	Macmillan	2.50	11-12	Jealous ghosts.	Knopf	2.50	12
Chamberlain, W. H.				Ticknor, ed.			
Soviet Russia	Little	5.00	10-j.c.	Historical portraits from			
Converse, Florence				English literature.	Nelson	.75	9-12
Sphinx	Dutton	2.50	11-12	Times (London)			
Davis, M. L.				The English scene.	Macmillan	2.50	10-12
Uncle Sam's attic, an inti-				Wilson, Margery			
mate story of Alaska	Wilde	3.50	7-12	Charm.	Stokes	2.50	8-12
De Laguna, Frederica				Woods, S.			
The one thousand march	Little	2.00	7-10	Colossal blunders of the			
Diggle, E. G.				World War.	Macmillan	2.50	11-12
Romance of a modern liner	Oxford Pr.	2.50	7-12				

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Barnes	Edmonds	Maugham
Story of punishment	Big barn	Cakes and ale
Barnes	Hamsun	Merrick
Years of grace	Vagabonds	Little dog laughed
Brandreth	Jenssen	Sedgwick
Trails of enchantment	I spy	Philippa
Churchill	Jeans	Thomas
A roving commission	Mysterious universe	Black pagoda

Mrs. Helen Walker Truesdell, whose poem we are delighted to have for our cover, is known to many of you. In fact, we claim her, as she was acting librarian at Jacob A. Riis when that school opened, and until Miss Lewis was appointed a year and a half later. Since then Mrs. Truesdell has been teaching English there. We hope she will often give us the pleasure of contributions to The Bulletin.

Jean C. Roos, of the Cleveland Public Library, is chairman of a committee of the School Libraries Section, which is compiling a list of recreational books for young people. She is assisted by Mildred Pope of Girard College, Mabel Williams, New York Public Library, Mabel McCarnes, Longstreet Library, Peddie School, Hightstown, N.J., and Ella S. Morgan, Lincoln High School Library, Los Angeles.

The list will be the basis of book prizes to be given school librarians of winning students in the A.L.A. poster contest in thirteen southern states. Both fiction and non-fiction for young people of high school age will be included in the list which, in addition to being annotated, will contain information about publishers and prices.

—A. L. A. Bulletin

The "contact chairman" appointed by the School Libraries Section of the A.L.A. for the Los Angeles conference, was so much in demand that a similar chairman, Mildred Pope, Girard College Library, Philadelphia, has been appointed for the New Haven conference.

—A. L. A. Bulletin

At the San Jose Conference of representatives of teacher training institutions in California last October, plans were initiated for the publication of a handbook or manual on teacher training. The State Board of Education will publish this, and Mrs. Clement has assigned chapters to be written by various California professors. Some of the tentative chapter subjects are "Teacher Training Curricula," "Professional Ethics," "Training Procedures," and "Records and Follow-up Studies."

Because the Professional Committee of the School Library Association has been attempting to formulate a course of study in children's literature in Teachers' Colleges, we have been asked to prepare the chapter on "Children's books and the use of libraries." This chapter will include actual experiments in the results of children's reading. Contributions on this will be gratefully received by the Committee in Los Angeles.

All material must be sent by the Committee to the State Board of Education early in June. All plans for the Manual will be presented at the Teacher Training Conference to be held in Los Angeles next Fall.

Faith E. Smith

The English teachers of the Ventura Union Junior High School gave their students a delightful experience recently, when they accepted the invitation of the librarian to bring their classes to the library to see the new books for the reading lists before they were scattered over the shelves.

The books for a grade were put in the display case in one corner of the library, in the half of the room reserved for the visiting classes. They were rapidly introduced to each book, allowed to handle any titles which appealed, and were given a brief analysis of the book numbers and shelf arrangement.

It took a week of intensive work to schedule all the classes of ten teachers; often three during one hour period. The combination of English teachers, students, books, the library, and the librarian, all together at the same time and place, has produced results that justified the effort expended. The librarian requested those students who were willing, to write on the topics "How to keep new books new," or "Some don'ts when using library books." Because there was no compulsion, the teachers reported an enthusiastic eagerness to comply, which resulted in a sheaf of original poems, plays, and essays turned in to the librarian.

The art teachers are cooperating also, in having their classes make posters with the idea of book care as well as book inspiration. There has been a marked improvement in the treatment of books, but alas, all the visions during the weeks of ordering and preparing these 400 books, of seeing attractive, filled shelves, have vanished. Not only do the new books get snatched from the truck, but the old ones are zestfully used by students who have not been in the library before.

The shelves are more empty than ever — but the happy users are compensation.

The new John Marshall High School Library in Los Angeles is a beautifully balanced, imposing room and when fully equipped will undoubtedly be one of the handsomest libraries in Southern California. Its soundproof ceiling is paneled and decorated; its rubber floor covering is inlaid with a border; its two large arched doorways have handsome three-paneled doors, the doors leading into the patio being all glass; its platform of brickwork dividing the five steps leading down into the room has a fine wrought iron rail, and its Venetian blinds add tone as well as comfort, as do its radiators, which blow cold air as well as hot.

We invite you to come and see us and our many unusual features.

Cordially yours

Viola Estelle Stevens

Miss Van Deusen has appointed the following nominating committee to select candidates for next year's officers:

Margaret Glassey, chairman

Katherine Scales

Helen E. MacKay

and also a committee to take charge of the School Library section of the N.E.A.:

Jasmine Britton, chairman

Edwina Hicks

Laura Grover Smith

Hope Potter

Cosby L. Gilstrap

Alice Kathleen Walker arrived in the proud Walker family on February 9 with 8 pounds and 7 ounces to her credit. It's a real event to welcome a library baby!

The Orange County Library Club held their quarterly meeting February 14 at the Orange Union High School with Mrs. Margaret Scott as hostess. Following the morning business session and program, lunch was served in the school cafeteria. Thirty members were in attendance, of whom several were school librarians.

During the current school year the school librarians of Long Beach have had the pleasure of hearing representative members of the local public school system and Public Library talk on various subjects related to the activities of the school library. On September 23, Mr. W. L. Stephens, Superintendent of Schools, talked to the staff on "The ideal school library;" on October 21, Mrs. Theodore Brewitt, librarian of the Long Beach Public Library, spoke on "Public Library developments for the future and the part the schools are to play in it;" on November 18, Dr. Frederick Horridge, director of vocational education, told of his impressions of Russia after a summer spent there; on December 30, Miss Minnie Gant, principal of the Frances E. Willard elementary school, discussed the school library as a vital factor in the school; on January 26, Mr. John Willard Wilson, principal of the Edison Junior High School, spoke on "The principal's responsibility toward the library;" and on February 23, Dr. William J. Klopp, vice-principal of the Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, talked of the part the library should play in progressive education. Future speakers to be heard before the close of school are Mr. Howard B. Gray, head of the department of biological science in the Polytechnic High School, who will discuss new developments in science; Miss Shirley Poore, assistant supervisor of art, on "Art appreciation in the schools;" and Miss Edith D. Mattoon will close the series speaking on poetry.

The Children's Book Store announced the removal to 721 S. Flower Street with a tea in the new quarters to its many friends on February 21.

Miss Viola Stevens has been made librarian of the new John Marshall High School, and Miss Gertrude Mallory, who has been teaching English at Franklin, has been appointed librarian there, to succeed Miss Stevens.

Mrs. E. R. White, chairman of the A.L.A. Committee on Membership for California, reminds us that a peculiar phenomenon has been observed after national meetings of the A.L.A. It is that memberships fall off in the locality in which the meeting has been held. Unbelievable as it seems, we take this occasion to warn you not to let your membership lapse.

Mrs. White also calls our attention to the fact that the A.L.A. is faced with the necessity of dropping some of its most worthwhile activities, such as the Adult Education Department and the headquarters for school librarians unless it succeeds in getting enough additional memberships to get the Carnegie endowment of \$1,000,000. We can help by trying to obtain life memberships at \$25.00 each and sustaining memberships at \$100 each. (Four life memberships are necessary to equal one sustaining membership.) If some of these can come from California it will be a feather in our caps. Mrs. White is very anxious that we all work on this.

Miss Rosa Cage librarian of the Polytechnic High School, was married on February 6 at the Mission Inn to George Mauger. Upon their return from their honeymoon trip to Mexico City, they will make their home in or near Los Angeles until summer, when they will be located at the Sequoia National Park for the season.

Miss Marjorie Pann, who has been assistant librarian at the Junior College is now in charge of the Polytechnic High School library.

Miss Irene Ross, Riverside Library School '30, has been appointed assistant librarian at the Junior College.

The Northern Section of our Association feels most grateful to the Southern Section for two most interesting events—the convention at Santa Barbara in 1929, and the entertainment at Los Angeles in 1930, especially that wonderful dinner. We hope that we can reciprocate by a good convention at Del Monte this year. Nature has made Del Monte in the Spring a place of beauty. We'll try to provide a good program too.

Polly Hatch
President of Northern Section

N. E. A.

When President Willis Sutton of the National Education Association was in Los Angeles recently, we were fortunate as School Librarians in having a conference with him. At that time he suggested that a joint committee of the N.E.A. and the A.L.A. be appointed to make immediate preparations for a library program at the time of the annual meeting of the N.E.A. this year in Los Angeles, and later it would be the responsibility of this committee to consider problems of mutual interest to both organizations.

The members of the N.E.A. committee are Miss Edith Hodgkins, vice-principal of the Franklin High School, Miss Marion Keyes, head of the English department of the Belmont High School, and Miss Jasmine Britton, Supervising Librarian of the Los Angeles City School Library, chairman. The members of the A.L.A. committee are Miss Lucile Fargo, Associate Director, School of Library Science, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., Miss Eleanor Witmer, Associate Director, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, and Miss Marjorie Van

Deusen, Librarian of the Belmont High School, Los Angeles, chairman.

Plans are under way for an attractive library program which will consider books in the modern school from the point of view of the principal, the teacher, and the librarian.

Tentative plans are being considered by the University of Southern California for a three weeks summer course for principals and teachers on the modern use of books and the library both in the elementary and secondary schools. It is still too early to be assured of this course, but a definite statement of the situation will be made in the next bulletin.

The following people have been asked to serve on the Hospitality Committee and to look after our library friends during the N.E.A.: Mrs. Edwina Hicks, Long Beach, Miss Hope Potter, South Pasadena, Miss Laura Grover Smith, Virgil Junior High School, Los Angeles, Miss Cosby Gilstrap, Alhambra, with Miss Helen Estill and Miss Katherine Folger members ex-officio.

—Jasmine Britton

"OUR ROSA"

The marriage of Rosa B. Cage and George L. Mauger was celebrated in the chapel of the Mission Inn, Riverside, on the evening of February 13. The chapel was beautifully decorated with high candlesticks holding cathedral candles forming a procession of lights down the aisle. The altar was a mass of white blossoms and many blazing candles.

Preceding the ceremony was a musical program, while the guests gathered. As the wedding march was played a pretty little flower girl entered, and with serious dignity scattered rose petals. The bridesmaid, Miss Edith James, in a charming pink gown followed, and Rosa entered on the arm of her father. She was beautiful as a medieval princess in her long white dress and veil caught in a prince's cap. She carried a great bouquet of gardenias and lilies of the valley. The clergyman, with the simple ritual, lent a personal and friendly touch to the solemn service.

Immediately after the ceremony the friends adjourned to the long gallery which seemed a

most appropriate setting for the lovely wedding picture.

Receiving with the bride and groom were the bride's father and mother, and Mrs. Baylis, her mother's sister, the father and sister of the groom, Miss James, and the bride's brother, who was best man.

The guests were intimate family friends, and every one said of Rosa, "she is as dear as she is lovely."

Mr. and Mrs. Mauger left for Mexico in a cloud of rice and confetti, and an acclaim of good wishes.

The day after the wedding we called on Rosa's mother and saw her presents, which were very beautiful. Particularly interesting and lovely were the old silver tea set and other things sent by sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Cage, from the south. They shone as brightly and looked as fair as they must have looked in those earlier days.

It is good to know that "Our Rosa" will live here part of the year and that we may often see the face Lorado Taft admired! —Laura Grover Smith

THE A. L. A. TELEGRAPHS

The American Library Association is in such immediate need of additional funds that in January telegrams were dispatched to many librarians and library groups, including our Association, asking for sustaining memberships in order to raise \$20,000.

"Unless this amount can be obtained at once, some of the important activities of the American Library Association . . . must be discontinued.

"If \$20,000 can be raised through sustaining memberships at \$100 a year . . . the Association may qualify . . . for a million dollar endowment fund, thus preventing a recurrence of a similar situation, or worse, a year hence."

Moreover, if the endowment is secured, we are told that there is a definite possibility of the establishment of a school library department at Headquarters.

In response to this appeal, the Executive Board of the Southern Section, at its January meeting voted to recommend that the Section become a Contributing Member at \$25 a year. This would commit us for one year only unless we otherwise stated. This important matter, involving as it does our confidence in the work of the American Library Association, will be decided at the Del Monte meeting.

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